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May 25, 2011

Mr. Trevor Joseph
California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
Post Office Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236

Re: Proposition 84 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Draft Funding Recommendations

Dear Mr. Joseph;

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Proposition 84 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Draft Funding Recommendations. The Consolidated Irrigation District (District) wishes to commend California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) staff for their professional effort in completing an analysis of the grant applications and providing recommendations that are consistent with both the Proposition 84 IRWM Guidelines, and the Round 1 Implementation Proposal Solicitation Package.

Because the District supports the efforts of the Upper Kings Basin IRWM Authority (Authority) to address the region's water resource issues, we are pleased to see that the recommendations include funding for projects identified by the Authority as meeting the region's water management goals. The projects will enhance the water supply of the District and numerous economically disadvantaged cities and communities. While the recommended award

(\$8,496,000) is significantly lower than the amount requested, the project proponents will be able to complete their respective projects by contributing additional local funds. However, if less than the recommended amount is received, completion of the projects could be at risk. The District therefore encourages CDWR to finalize the recommendations without any revision that would reduce the recommended award to the Authority.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillip G. Desatoff", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Phillip G. Desatoff,
General Manager